

# MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

JUNE 5, 2018

6:00 P.M.

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Common Council of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 270 West 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:** The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

**PRAYER:** Councilman Berkemeier led those present in prayer.

**ROLL CALL:** Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, Brad Berkemeier, and Gary Cameron answered roll call. Also present was City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse.

**MINUTES:** Cameron moved to approve the minutes of the May 30, 2018 meeting as presented. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Pavey gave the following report:

1. Met with Chad Bowles at the landfill. Bowles said he would re-contour the back of the landfill. He will do approximately a 70 foot wide sample and separate the debris. Pavey said we need a time frame to dispose of the debris.
2. Pavey said in talking with the Animal Warden they found there are issues with the shelter vehicles. Both vehicles have been inspected. Repairs have been done on the small truck. The bigger truck was in pretty bad shape. They found a 2017 van with 11,000 miles that they plan to purchase to replace the truck.
3. Attended the meeting regarding with the County Drainage Board on Monday and left a little confused. He thought we would discuss the water entering Hodges Branch but there were visitors that wanted to discuss water on the other side of the tracks. We will continue conversations on how to best rectify diverting water before it gets into our system.
4. We will partner with the utility to purchase GIS equipment. Gary Cameron has determined what we both need for a cost of \$16,030.00. This includes training 6 people.
5. We have several issues that the traffic committee will be addressing. Such as people wanting to pave grass areas, cones at Pizza King, and projects causing issues with thru traffic.
6. At the Commissioner's meeting last Thursday it was voted to award the EMS contract for the Center District to the City of Rushville. The transfer will take place after the contracts are signed.

7. Three 6<sup>th</sup> graders were awarded the Mayor's Award for most improved. They were Trevor Cleary, Madison Meek, and Clarrie Wayt.
8. Pavey encouraged Council to get with him to tour the construction projects.

**CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT:** None.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Council President Smith said there will be an executive session after the next Council meeting.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **Stellar Designation** – Sheehan will give his quarterly update at the next meeting.
- **Amphitheater/Park Board** – Cameron reported that the headline band for this Saturday's concert had to cancel. They were able to get a backup band which is a Van Halen tribute band as a replacement.

He said they are making some improvements on the electric, sound, and lighting. They hope to have all of this completed before the second concert.

- **Marketing** – Nothing.
- **APC/BZA** – Carmen Clark said the Rush County Schools are going to do a Health & Wellness addition at the gym and will need some variances. She asked if we have a contract to waive fees or if not do we charge them. Bridges said he thought we already did this. Smith made a motion to waive the fees for the health addition. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- **City Center** – Pavey reported that they are working on tuck pointing and the roof. One set of steps has been delivered.
- **Cherry Street** – Nothing new.
- **Brownfield Grant** – Nothing.
- **Housing** – We are closing on the apartments west of the tracks tomorrow.
- **ECDC** – McCane reported that the training center construction is moving forward. He told Council they are welcome to take a tour.

He attended the Emerson celebration for 365 days with no accidents. Emerson also invited Council to tour the facility to see their improvements.

McCane said no decision has been made as to the couple of visits they have had and if they intend to come to Rushville. They are continuing discussions.

He will be meeting next week with a site consultant.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**Police** – Chief Tucker reported that they should be starting on the roof this week.

Councilman Conner asked if there have been any golf cart issues. Tucker said there has not. They have registered 20 carts.

**Street** – Commissioner Miller said they are spraying for mosquitoes 3 times a week. They are working at the amphitheater preparing for the concert this weekend.

**Animal** – Warden Cottrell reported that the Board of Works recommended to Council that the City no longer handle wild animals. She said a private company will handle this.

They will be purchasing animal management software which will keep everything better organized. They have replaced the chip reader.

They visited the site of the new shelter today.

**Park** – Director Burklow reported that the pool is open. They had 150 people on the first day. They discovered that a bearing is going out on a pump. Les Day is checking on pricing for a rebuilt or replacement pump. They will close the pool Thursday to make repairs and open back on Friday. Thanks to Ron Jarman for getting the WIFI up and running.

Tom McManus is building agility equipment for the dog park. The key fob has been ordered. The water fountain is in.

Bathrooms have been painted at North Memorial Park. The flower gardens are getting spruced up by volunteers. Wells Fargo will paint the snack shack at the west end park. The basketball court has been resealed. They will restripe it also.

Booker T Washington received a new coat of paint in the conference room.

**Fire** – Assistant Chief Munson informed Council that the Board of Works hired Michael Neidenthal and Nathan Hufferd contingent upon approval by Perf. They also granted latitude to hire 3 EMT's and 4 medics contingent on contracts being signed.

The concrete floor for the back bay is scheduled to be poured Monday.

**CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS:** None.

**PLANNING & ZONING:**

1. **Resolution 2018-2 Wells Fargo Mechanical Screen Wall**

2. **Resolution 2018-3 Sav-A-Lot Front Façade**
3. **Resolution 2018-4 RPD Roof Design** – Cameron made a motion to approve the Rushville Planning Commission's Resolutions 2018-2, 2018-3. 2-18-4. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. **Annexation (Reddish, Massa, Philpot)** – Newhouse said the documents have been signed by Massa. We will act on it at the next meeting.
2. **Drainage/Flooding Drainage Board Meeting 6/4 @ 6:00 p.m.** – Discussed in Mayor's report.
3. **Stellar Overlook-New Concept** –
  - a. **BAN Redefinition** – Jimmy Shanahan said we don't need to make any adjustments.
  - b. **Property Acquisition** – We are waiting on paperwork.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Healthy Roots CF1 (waived deadline)** – Jim Bloom was present from Healthy Roots. He said they are up 28 employees from last year. He thanked the City for their support. He said they were awarded the highest level of food safety. They have the largest indoor farm in Indiana. Smith made a motion to approve the extension for filing tax abatement paperwork. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried. Smith moved to approve the CF1. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **School Transfer of Real Estate Agreement** – The Board of Works gave a favorable recommendation to Council for the transfer of property. Cameron made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-12. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried. Cameron moved to approve the transfer agreement with the school. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Zoning Ordinance Amendments** – Shelly Wakefield explained amendments that need to be made to the zoning ordinance. Bridges moved to approve for the planning commission to move forward with the amendments. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. **Historic Commission and Preservation Ordinance** – Cameron moved to table so changes could be made. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.
5. **Building Permit Conversation** – Mayor Pavey said he would like Council to consider no fees for roof replacement and siding permits. This will allow Carmen Clark to have conversation with residents ahead of time. Clark can decide if it fits. Council agreed with Mayor Pavey.

6. **Honey Bee Ordinance 2018-9** – Councilman Smith said we voted 4-1 to put the matter to bed. Pavey said this is for the 2 already in existence, it is not to expand. They would have to be registered with the City. Animal Warden Cottrell stated that they are not in a position to add more staff nor are they equipped to handle this. Wakefield said they either need to be permitted or have them removed. Cameron moved to table. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.
7. **Center District Ambulance Service NRF** – Jenkins will check with the Ambulance Billing Services regarding separation of City and County. Smith moved to approve a non-reverting fund for the Center District Ambulance Service (County). Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.
8. **Fire/Rescue – Fee and Mileage Rate Adjustment** – Assistant Chief Munson presented a rate adjustment that Jim Freeman suggested the City change in February. Conner said he wished we would have done this in February before we got the bid on the Center district. Smith said it had to come up to some level as the cost of business. Pavey said he thought the contract would start closer to the end of the year. The County wants to make the move July 16. Pavey said he would recommend either increasing it July 16 or January 1<sup>st</sup>. Smith made a motion to approve the increase as presented with an effective date of the date of the contract. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**CLAIMS & BANK REC:** Smith moved to approve the claims as presented and the April bank reconciliation. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE:** Councilman Conner invited everyone to a chicken fry this Saturday from 4:30-7:30 at the K of C to raise funds for Billy Ray Goins. This is to make his home more handicapped accessible.

**ADJOURN:** There was no further business to come before Council; Smith moved to adjourn. Berkemeier seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.